



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re PATENT APPLICATION of

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(By Attorney)  
**Re Double-Patenting Rejection**

Hon. Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

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